



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Tomowaki TAKAHASHI

Group Art Unit: 2851

Application No.: 10/685,383

Examiner:

D. Rutledge

Filed: October 16, 2003

Docket No.: 116949

For:

PROJECTION OPTICAL SYSTEM AND EXPOSURE APPARATUS EQUIPPED

WITH THE PROJECTION OPTICAL SYSTEM

<u>AMENDMENT</u>

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In reply to the July 27, 2004 Office Action, the shortened statutory period for reply being extended by the attached Petition for Extension of Time, please consider the following:

Amendments to the Specification;

Amendments to the Claims as reflected in the listing of claims; and

Remarks.